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## El Salvador

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to this country due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in El Salvador due to crime. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not needed for tourists, but US citizens must purchase a tourist card (10 USD) upon arrival, which is valid for 90 days. If a US citizen's passport shows they were born in El Salvador then they do not need to purchase tourist card.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[503] 2501-2999; US Embassy in San Salvador, Final Boulevard Santa Elena, Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad, El Salvador

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Tropical; rainy season (May to October); dry season (November to April); tropical on coast; temperate in uplands

### Currency (Code)

US \$ (USD)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B



### Major Languages

Spanish, Nawat

### Religions

Roman Catholic 50%, Protestant 36%, other 2%, none 12%

### Time Difference

UTC-6 (1 hour behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in El Salvador, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Suchitoto; Ruta de las Flores; Lake Ilopango; Montecristo National Park; Puerta del Diablo; Joya de Ceren Archaeological Site
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	After eating, it is considered polite to spend at least an hour conversing with your hosts instead of leaving right away.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	At most upscale restaurants, the tip will be included in the bill. If you do leave a tip, 10% is appropriate. Taxi drivers do not expect a tip. Hotel staff, such as bellhops or porters would appreciate a \$1 (USD) per bag tip.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	503
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	911

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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